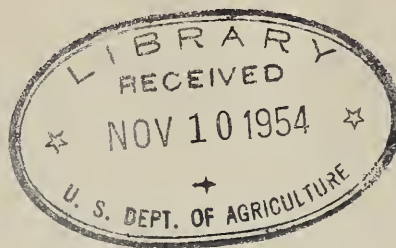
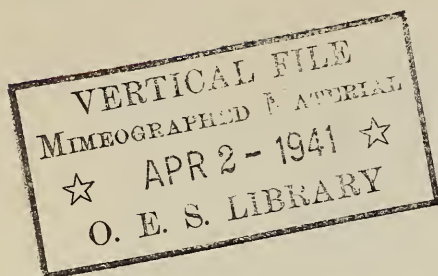


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RECREATION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Fellow Workers:

Conferences of many kinds are scheduled for these months here, there, and wherever you are. These are the days when we shake out our ideas and plans, look over last year's models, consider holes and weak places, and get ourselves ready for the year ahead - sometimes a discouraging business, but nevertheless a stimulating one.

At one of the meetings that I attended here recently Mrs. Roosevelt made a very stimulating talk.* Two of the issues that she raised are of particular interest to those of us in the rural field.

In pointing out the need for community centers she discussed "the lack of real cohesiveness, first among the young married people," and then among youth, in her own part of the country. "Yet," she concluded, "I am sure there is material all around us for a variety of interests and a tremendous program, both of entertainment and education, and that must be so in community after community."

During the discussion, Mrs. Roosevelt raised this question, "I want to ask you, do you feel that you are giving today sufficient experience to the young people so that they will have the ability to stand on their feet and think on their feet and say what they think and have enough conviction about it to meet any ideas that they disagree with? * * * I feel that the young people, many of them, ought to have much more of a foundation of actual facts for their belief in democracy and for what democracy has done. You can't fight a thing which is almost a religion unless your feeling is almost a religion too. I have felt the lack of that. You know much better than I how to go about it, but I think we ought to be going about it consistently."

*Report of Conference of Municipal Recreation Superintendents (from cities with population of 100,000 or more) Washington, D. C., January 20-22, 1941. 55 pp. U. S. Work Projects Administration A2087, 1941. Mimeographed. Pp. 14, 15, 25, 27.



At another conference it was pointed out that the family, the school teachers, the church, club leaders, and any others who know a young man or woman who is coming into the city to work for the first time can help him to adjust himself to this new life and to find the best ways to use his leisure by giving him letters to friends, to ministers, to Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. secretaries, and to others who will be interested in him; and also by writing to the people so that the young person may be expected or looked up.

There was considerable discussion of the social problems growing out of the concentration of men around the defense plants and military camps. Salient points were:

1. Valuable services can be rendered in a small community by volunteer recreation leaders who are well-trained. Additional training may be required.
2. Well-founded growth may be made through an emergency program if it is based on real knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the community. A study of the recreation opportunities now available may be needed.
3. Present home and community service should in no way be curtailed.

The appointment of Mark McCloskey as Coordinator of Recreation in the Federal Security Agency means that recreation in the areas affected by camps and defense plants is receiving attention with the other problems that are arising. Mr. McCloskey is excellently equipped by experience and temperament for the position.

You may have missed an item that came from the Business Administration Office. It answers a question that is frequently asked. May extension funds of Federal origin, or offset thereto, be used for the publication of songbooks or song sheets to be used in 4-H Club meetings? Extension funds of Federal origin, or offset thereto, may be used for the publication of songbooks or song sheets to be used by extension workers in the furtherance of cooperative extension work. However, they should not be used for the publication of songbooks or song sheets to be distributed to 4-H Club members and/or other persons.

Reporting on Program Service

Several States check up on the use made of the program helps that they distribute. In some of these States, if a correspondent fails to return the report blank his name is dropped from the mailing list.

The Iowa "Review of 1940 Programs" includes the following items that are followed by a list of the individual items suggested during the year and a request that those used be checked.

Name of organization _____ County _____
Name of reporter _____ Address _____
Months for which Monthly Program Service for Rural Leaders was received in 1940 _____
From _____ To _____
Is Program Service desired in 1941? _____ For what period, from _____ to _____.

Leader who should receive Program Service in 1941, _____
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What was the best program? _____

Education for Democratic Living

An increasing amount of helpful literature is being distributed in this field.

Our American Democracy. 10 pp. American Library Association, Chicago, Ill., 1940. Free of charge. A brief running discussion of democracy and books that amplify the topics that are brought up. These include the definition and background of democracy, questions concerning its value, problems ahead, responsibilities for its protection, and a well-chosen bibliography.

Democracy and Education in the Current Crisis. By the Faculty of Teachers College, Bureau of Publications, Columbia University, New York, 1940. Single copies free. 13 pp. A booklet that includes an inventory of assets of our way of life, the meaning of democracy, and a creed of democracy.

A Proposed Educational Plan for National Defense. By Vernon Jones. School and Society, vol. 52 #1351, pp. 473-477, November 16, 1940. Science Press, Lancaster, Pa. Suggestions for enriching existing school courses that can be adapted to club programs and discussion groups.

Group Education for a Democracy. By William Heard Kilpatrick. 219 pp. Association Press, New York, 1940. An excellent book of essays on education classified under "Demands of the Social Situation," "Life of Learning," and "Toward A Philosophy of Education."

Common Council for American Unity, 222 Fourth Avenue, New York, publishes a quarterly, Common Ground, and advises groups planning projects.

Council Against Intolerance in America, 905 Lincoln Building, New York, distributes a manual on combating intolerance. A single copy is free to educators.

Democracy. By Ryllis Goslin and Omar Goslin. Harcourt Brace, New York. 1940. 59 pp., illus. By photographs and text this book portrays democracy as a way of doing things.

Speak Up for Democracy. By Edward L. Bernays, Viking Press, New York. 1940. Suggestions for leaders of all kinds of groups, junior and adult. In a chapter called "Accusations and Answers," defense of democracy is discussed, and "Holidays and other celebrations - springboards for Democracy" presents suggestions for public demonstrations.

Timely Quotations

There has never been a time in our history when it was more necessary to provide recreation in drama, music, community-sings, games, and playhouses for all people. The relaxation which comes from proper recreation will relieve the nervous tension and mental strain generated by daily front page stories and radio broadcasts about our war-torn world. This is a job to do - right on your own doorstep.

--Harriett Elliott.

In speaking of the meaning of the flag Charles Evans Hughes said, "It means America united, strong and efficient, equal to her tasks. It means that you cannot be saved by the valor and devotion of your ancestors; that to each generation comes its patriotic duty; and that upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure as those before you have sacrificed and endured rests national hope."

Peace is not primarily the product of armies or of governments, but of individuals in their daily living. Great issues will remain long after the present emergency is past. Each one of us in his personal relations is helping to build or to postpone enduring peace.

--Arthur E. Morgan
in Antioch Notes.

I do not hesitate to state that the behavior of the child in a group of well-adjusted youngsters is the best test of his actual social development. If he cannot participate and cooperate in an organized group, there is something fundamentally wrong, regardless of how wonderfully he behaves at home or of how satisfied with him the parents seem to be. On the other hand, if parents complain about the unruliness of a child at home, while he gets along nicely with his friends and is accepted by a controlled group, I would be inclined to believe there is nothing

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wrong with the child, but perhaps with his parents. In other words, the group situation is the best and most profound test of a child's social conception, of his entire personality and the effectiveness of his approach toward life problems.

-Importance of Group Life. Rudolph Dreikurs, M.D. Camping Magazine, Vol. XII, No. 8, November 1940. Pp. 3-4, 27.

To be specific, we need to buttress our library system, particularly in the rural areas. When people are burning books in other parts of the world, we ought to be distributing them with greater vigor; for books are among our best sellers in the fight to make democracy work.

--Dr. J. W. Studebaker.

We need more than ever now, to refresh our spirits and renew our aims in the solitude of beautiful surroundings. There is something strangely restoring about work or play that is done with eyes to the sky and feet to the earth.

-- Henry A. Wallace.

From the Magazines

Your Outdoor Fireplace. Janet Cameron, Southern Planter, Vol. 101, No. 7, p.18, illus., July 1940. Important points in locating and building an outdoor fireplace.

Let's Have Our Picnic Right Here. Hi Sibley, Better Homes and Gardens, Vol. 18, No. 11, pp. 20-21, illus., July 1940. Well-illustrated fireplaces of different types, with working drawings that show important points.

Don't Be Your Age. George Kent, Survey Graphic, Vol. 29, June 1940, pp. 351-52. An excellent article on activities for people who have retired.

Give Them the Advantage of Good Speech. Sarah K. Hepburn. Parents' Magazine, vol. XV, No. 12, pp. 26-27 December 1940, Chicago, Ill. Practical suggestions for improving the family's English. The ideas would apply to club groups also.

Defense on The Job. Roy J. McMurray, Journal of Health and Physical Education, vol. XI, No. 10, pp. 594-595, 642. December 1940. Published by American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Washington, D. C. An article on school health, including posture, and the importance of suitable furniture.

Promenade, a monthly magazine issued by the American Square Dance Group, 52 East 13th Street, New York.

Miss Liberty, a folk dance pageant. K. Elizabeth Anderson, Journal of Health and Physical Education, vol. XI, No. 10, pp. 596-599, 638-639, illus. December 1940. American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Washington, D. C.

Government Publications

1940 Yearbook, Park and Recreation Progress. U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1940. 92 pp. This beautifully illustrated book has chapters on camping, trailside museums, recreational area planning, and many other subjects that will be of interest to workers in the recreation field.

Neighborhood Activities in Country Communities, by Alfred G. Arvold, Cir. 171, Extension Service, North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N.Dak. 1940. 79 pp., illus. A bulletin that aims to answer questions on sports, social recreation, speech, drama and festivals, patriotic programs, and community events of various kinds.

Recreation for 4-H Clubs and Other Groups, R. Bruce Tom. Bul.210, Ohio Extension Service, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1940, 48 pp., illus. A well-planned collection of active and quiet games and informal dramatic activities. Single copies free of charge.

Woodsmanship for the Civilian Conservation Corps. U. S. Civilian Conservation Corps, Forestry Division, 1939. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 16 pp. illus. A helpful, clear presentation of safety and good woodsman practices. Well adapted to use by boys and girls.

National Forest Vacations. Forest Service, U. S. Dept. of Agr., Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 54 pp., illus. A beautifully illustrated description of recreation areas in the forests. A guide to the national forests with thumbnail sketches of their special features, sports, and accomodations is included.

Homemade Games and Puzzles, arranged by G. T. Hudson. Ill. Agr. Col. Ext. RSE-80, 12 pp. Urbana, Illinois. Mimeographed. A well-illustrated booklet including a short discussion on how to make game boards and puzzles and the tools needed. Directions are given for playing the games and solving the puzzles.

Free Bulletins

Stage Practice - Dramatists Play Service, Inc., 6 East 39th Street, New York. A free service through which ideas may be exchanged.

Shall We Discuss. Paul C. Taff. Iowa State Col. Ext. Pamphlet 2, 16 pp. Ames, Iowa, December 1940. A brief presentation of the values of discussion, selection of subjects, order of discussion and the responsibilities of the leader and the group.

Patriotic Songs. John Hancock Company, Boston, Mass., 16 pp. Another of the small collections of songs that this company generously makes available.

Less Than \$1.00

With Puppets, Mimes, and Shadows by Margaret K. Soifer, American Camping Association, 330 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich. A discussion of play-writing by a group. Ten plays in different forms. A good book for those who are working with children.

Seat Weaving. L. Day Perry. Manual Arts Press, Peoria, Ill., 1940, pp. 94. Clear explanation of the seven steps in caning chairs. Includes instructions for rush, reed, and splint seating.

Father Neptune Entertains, a party at the bottom of the sea. National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York. 7 pp. 1940, Mimeographed. Detailed workable suggestions for a novel party that may be adapted to large or small groups.

Masks - Fun to Make and Wear - National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York, 9 pp. 1940. Mimeographed. Directions and designs for making masks of many types including papier-mache ones and a brief discussion of some of their uses. Well-selected bibliography.

The County Worker's Job - What it is and what it takes, by Josephine Strode, published by Survey Associates, New York. 40 pp. 1939. Eight clever articles on rural social work reprinted from the Survey. Most of the principles discussed apply as well to the extension field.

Handbook for Discussion Leaders edited by Ursula P. Hubbard, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, 1940. 112 pp., illus. Well-selected material on economic and social problems for use by older youth and adults.

We Sing edited by Theresa Armitage, Peter W. Dykema and Gladys Pitcher, C. C. Birchard, Boston, Mass. 1940, 192 pp. A very useful collection of fun and serious songs, folk dances and songs that may be dramatized. An adaptation of Hansel and Gretchel with simplified Humperdinck music is included.

Good Morning, second edition, published by Dearborn Publishing Company, Dearborn, Mich. Contains music and excellent directions for

40 or more quadrilles, lancers, reels, and many other types of old-fashioned dances. The proof of this book was sold during the past year.

Foundations, a pageant for young Americans published by Zaneta Eager, Pringhar, Iowa. 23 pp. 1941. Mimeographed. A pageant that may coordinate citizenship study and activity in school or community.

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Table Games, how to make and play them. Roy J. Morran, A. S. Barnes, 1939, 122 pp. Directions for making and playing table games. Simple, practical ideas well suited to use by boys and girls.

Girls' Clubs of National Organization in U. S. - Their development and present status. Helen G. Fudge, the author, Rosemont, Pa. 1939. 349 pp. An interesting and informative volume giving an analysis of background, objectives, organization and administration, methods of training leaders, activities, sources of revenue and many other salient features of national organizations for girls.

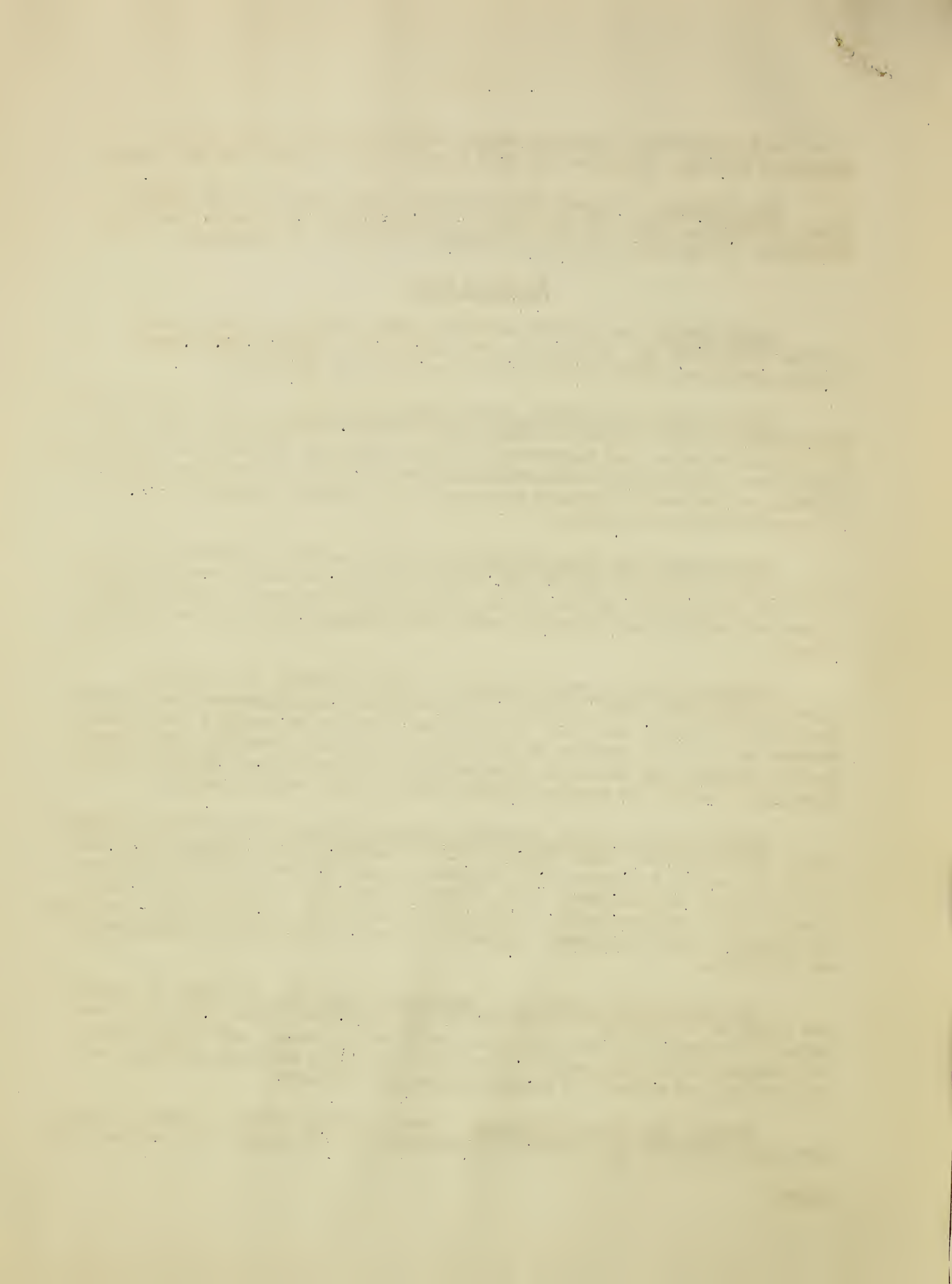
Silhouettes and Scissor-Cutting. Hubert Leslie. John Lane, The Bodley Head, London, 1939, 79 pp. A small book that would encourage even the least experienced novice to try this fascinating art. Various techniques and methods are discussed and lovely examples are used as illustrations.

Readers Guide to Prose Fiction. Elbert Lenrow. D. Appleton Century, New York, 1940, 371 pp. An intensive, well-annotated and classified list of novels that will not only be valuable in working out reading courses but also in guiding an individual's personal reading. The introduction includes an excellent discussion of literature and general education and a chapter on reading fiction that is well worth studying.

Model-Theatre Craft; Scenery, Actors and Plays. Ruth Vickery Holmes, 1940, 186 pp. illus. 28cm. Stokes. Clear instructions, diagrams and patterns for making a theater, its properties, and actors from such inexpensive material as cardboard, felt, flannel, and pipe cleaners. Four non-royalty plays are included: A Finnish peasant play, a fairy tale, one from the Chinese, and a Christmas pageant. A list of firms and a bibliography are included.

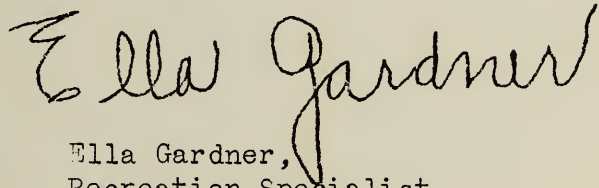
The Saucy Sailor and Other Dramatized Ballads, by Janet E. Tobitt and Alice M. G. White, E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, 1940. 185 pp. Contains 15 ballads from six countries, with words, music, and suggestions for staging, costuming, and action. Full notes on make-up, settings and properties, and methods of dramatization are included.

Parties for Young Americans. Dorothy Gladys Spicer. Woman's Press, New York, 1940. 97 pp. Complete suggestions for 18 parties for various ages.



Permission to send you excerpts from an article by Howard McClusky, Associate Director of the American Youth Commission, has been generously granted us by the editor of the National Parent Teacher. The final paragraph of Mr. McClusky's discussion of "Youth and the Pursuit of Happiness" is particularly provocative in these uncertain times, it seems to me.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ella Gardner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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